

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 8, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of
Approval Jan. 1, 2007, and the Regular Meeting of Jan. 11, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Roche, Sullivan and the Entire Board,
Congratulating Vera DeAngelis on the happy occasion of
her 100th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police increase patrols
around Prospect Hill Tower from 10 PM - 2 AM.
5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor prepare an
ordinance prohibiting the demolition of structures by
neglect of necessary maintenance and repair.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Chief of Police
consider establishing a foot patrol in the Union Sq. area
during morning and late evening hours.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic
and Parking enforce the double parking restriction in Union
Sq. (Bow St. and Somerville Ave.) from 8 - 11 AM.
8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works
direct NStar to replace the lamp post in the Foss Park
parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Fellsway West,
and send a copy of the communication to DCR.

9. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to replace the streetlight at 388 Medford St.
10. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police provide surveillance to determine the cause for the disposal of hypodermic needles on Shore Dr. in the vicinity of Ten Hills Rd.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD initiate procedures to secure neighborhood input for the improvement of Grimmons Park.
12. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD initiate procedures to advise on the pedestrian underpass under Rt. 28 to access Assembly Sq. as mitigation for the proposed development.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Durrell School Park area and repair the fence.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Beacon Place street sign.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Perry Park and ensure that all lights are operational.
16. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Constituent Services improve communications to the public on all construction projects.
17. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission, in conjunction with Police Sgt. Rooney, develop a "Taxi Cab Passengers' Bill of Rights" to ensure that customers are treated fairly and with respect.
18. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of SPCD and the Chief Fire Engineer work with the City Solicitor to compile a list of the city's most fined landlords for health, building and fire code violations and publish a list of the top ten on the city's web site so the public and prospective tenants may be aware of these properties and the risks they pose.
19. Order By Ald. Trane, That the City Environmental Director forward to the Committee on Environment and Energy, all studies of the Capuano School site for contaminants prior to the start of construction, and send all future reports and data for the Tufts St. clean up to the Committee for review.
20. Order By Ald. Trane, Roche and Desmond, That the City Clerk start a repository for all records pertaining to the Tufts St. clean up, make them available for public review, and arrange for all future records to be handled the same way.

21. Resolution By Ald. Trane, Roche and Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration investigate grant funds from the DEP or NIH for independent testing of the Capuano School and other properties in the area of the Tufts St. clean up site to ensure that all data collected is correct and that conditions are safe for humans.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash barrel on College Ave. at Francesca Ave.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update the Ward 6 Alderman on the generators at 119 College Ave. that were supposed to be moved to the roof of the building.
24. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct NStar to replace the burnt out and blinking light bulbs on Francesca Ave.
25. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Mayor investigate with the Middlesex County District Attorney and the MIAA, why members of the High School boys basketball team were subjected to racist and derogatory chants from Arlington High School fans during a Feb. 6 game, and why no one from the Arlington School or Police Depts. intervened.
26. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Clerk of Committees notify representatives of Verizon, NStar, Comcast and RCN to appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works to explain why they stated that the double pole at 12 Morrison Ave. was stabilized and reinforced when in fact nothing has changed at that pole.
27. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD investigate why the dumpster at 270 Highland Ave. is regularly overfilled with trash and take corrective action.
28. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO THRU TRAFFIC sign at Broadway and Mt. Pleasant St.
29. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING signs at Franklin and Pearl Sts. across from 70 Pearl St.
30. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss the property at the corner of Pearl and Florence Sts.

- 31. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Heuston and Trane, That this Board proclaims the last week of March through the last week of April, 2007, as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Period, and grants permission to the MA Motorcycle Association to erect a 2' x 4' CHECK TWICE sign on an agreed-upon location, and that the city appoint a public safety official to work with this organization to coordinate this effort locally.
- 32. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor and Environmental Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the Public Safety Building and any pending or potential litigation.
- 33. Ordinance By Ald. White, Establishing the method by which the dates for a special election shall be determined.
- 34. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Personnel appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the process being used to select a Chief of Police.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 35. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community
Report Development, Jan. 30.
- 36. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 30.
Report
- 37. Committee Report of the Committee on Environment & Energy, Feb. 5.
Report
- 38. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 7.
Report
- 39. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 7.
Report
- 40. Committee Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Housing &
Report Community Development, Feb. 7.
- 41. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments,
Report Feb. 8.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$7,600 from the Contingency Sick Leave Buyback Acct. to the Purchasing Salaries Acct. to settle outstanding litigation with SMEA.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$7,195 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the IT Salaries Acct. to adjust the salary of the IT Director.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$30,694.48 from the Boston Office of Homeland Security to the Fire Dept to cover training costs.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend an increase of \$14,207 in a grant from MA Dept. of Public Health to the Health Dept. for the School Nursing program.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Financial Interest exemption for Sonya Darai, Director of the Women's Commission, to work as the Emergency Preparedness Assistant Coordinator for Special Populations.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James Moran as Constable.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

49. Officer Comm. Chief Assessor requesting approval to retain outside counsel for 3 years to defend valuations at the Appellate Tax Board.
50. Officer Comm. City Clerk conveying his Local Official Bond.
51. Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #182481 re: Assembly Sq. inquiries.
52. Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #182593 re: Ciampa Manor.

NEW BUSINESS

53. Public Occ Tufts Leonard Carmichael Society's Kids Day, Tufts Campus, April 21, 9AM-3:30PM.
54. Public Occ On The Hill Tavern Road Race, Trum Field to Highland Ave. and back, June 24, 11:30AM.

- 55. Open Air Renewal of Open Air Vendor License, J & P Flowers, 582 Broadway to sell flowers Feb. 13-14, April 8, May 13 and Nov. 22, 8AM-7PM.

- 56. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Stellar Restaurant Group dba Boloco, 187 Elm St., signs and awnings.

- 57. Extended Hrs New Extended Retail Hours License, Fraiman Enterprises Inc. dba Somerville Theatre hosting 32nd annual Sci-Fi Film Festival, 55 Davis Sq., Feb. 19, 1-5AM.

- 58. Extended Hrs New Extended Retail Hours License, Dalel Corp. dba Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave., 24 hours, 7 days/wk.

- 59. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Pearl St. Auto, 180 Pearl St., 2 Autos.

- 60. Comm. State Representative Sciortino re: House #2948 and Senate #620, acts authorizing certain licensed alcohol and drug counselors to receive certain payments.

LATE ITEMS